UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Thekke Kollengode Bridge.

19. **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the year in which the bridge known as the Thekke Kollengode bridge in the Neyyattinkara taluk was constructed;

(*b*) whether the above bridge has collapsed;

(*c*) if so, the number of persons injured, and the number that died on account of the collapse of the bridge;

(*d*) the reason for the collapse of that bridge; and

(*e*) whether anyone from the P. W. D. has enquired into the condition of that bridge since 1110 and if so, the person who conducted the enquiry or inspection and the date on which it was conducted?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) The information is not traceable.

(*b*) and (*c*) The bridge did not collapse. What happened was that on 16-8-1939, a crowd of youngsters collected on the bridge to see fishing, when two loose planks supported by rusty iron rails slipped down under heavy load, as a result of which 7 or 8 persons were injured; but none died.

(*d*) In view of answer to (*b*) and (*c*), this does not arise.

(*e*) The bridge was inspected by the Sub-Division Officer Mr. K. Narayana Pillai on 23-3-1111 for scrutiny of the provisions in the estimate for its reconstruction which was prepared previously.

Water Traffic in Attimude.

20. **MR. THAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTHOMMEN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any scheme in contemplation in the light of the irrigation and navigation report, by which they propose to make water traffic more safe in the place known as Attimude, in the Pamba river, during times of flood; and

(*b*) whether there are innumerable perils and casualities to which water traffic has been exposed in this dangerous place from time immemorial?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Attimoodu route is dangerous for navigation during times of flood but no casualties on that score have so far been reported.

Maintenance and repair of bunds on the Pamba river.

21. **MR. THAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTHOMMEN**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the annual maintenance and repair of some of the bunds erected by the Government on the southern bank of the Pamba river just down the Erapuzha bridge have been completely neglected in recent years and consequently serious breaches have occurred in some of them causing great apprehension to the people living in their neighbourhood?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: No serious breaches have occurred and there has been no neglect on the part of the P. W. D.

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